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1. SUMMARY. RECENT MEETINGS OF TRILATERAL OSI WORKING GROUP HAVE FOCUSED ON MAJOR ISSUES OF RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL DURING ON-SITE INSPECTIONS (OSI). THESE HAVE INCLUDED LISTS OF BASIC AND SUPPLEMENTAL EQUIPMENT, PROCEDURES FOR CHECKING EQUIPMENT, AND PHOTOGRAPHIC PROCEDURES. DISCUSSION WAS CONSTRUCTIVE AND USEFUL IN CLARIFYING POSITIONS WITH GENERALLY UPBEAT FEELING THAT DIFFERENCES COULD BE NARROWED BY USING PRECEDENTS IN PNE TREATY. IN RESPONSE TO BEZUMOV'S (USSR) REQUEST, HECKROTTE (US) PROVIDED JUSTIFICATIONS FOR US PROPOSAL FOR 30 DESIGNATED PERSONNEL AND 30-DAY INSPECTION PERIOD. END SUMMARY.

2. RECENT MEETINGS OF TRILATERAL OSI WORKING GROUP

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DISCUSSED OUTSTANDING ISSUES ON OSI RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS. DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON WAYS OF NARROWING DIFFERENCES IN ILLUSTRATIVE TEXTS, WITH CONSENSUS THAT USE OF PNE TREATY LANGUAGE ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS COULD HAVE EFFECT OF REDUCING DISAGREEMENTS TO A FEW MAJOR ISSUES. ON LIST OF BASIC EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY DESIGNATED PERSONNEL, SOVIET DEL APPEARED TO AGREE WITH IDEA THAT EQUIPMENT COULD INCLUDE

NECESSARY MAINTENANCE AND CALIBRATION EQUIPMENT, BUT CONTINUED TO BALK AT EXPANDING LIST BEYOND RADIATION MONITORING EQUIPMENT AND METAL DETECTORS. PARTICULAR CONCERN WAS EXPRESSED ABOUT PROVISION FOR SEISMOMETERS, WITH MYASNIKOV (USSR) CONTENDING THAT SOVIET EXPERIENCE SUGGESTED IT WAS VERY UNLIKELY THAT AN EXPLOSION CREATED CAVITY WOULD STILL BE GENERATING ANY SEISMIC NOISE AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS. ANOTHER SUBJECT DISCUSSED EXTENSIVELY WAS HOW DESIGNATED PERSONNEL WOULD DETERMINE THEIR LOCATION, WITH US DEL SUGGESTING THEY BRING A PASSIVE RADIO-NAVIGATION SYSTEM WITH THEM, AND SOVIET DEL SAYING ANY SUCH EQUIPMENT REQUIRED COULD BE PROVIDED BY HOST PARTY. SOVIET DEL CONTINUED TO OBJECT TO PROPOSED LISTING OF EQUIPMENT TO BE PROVIDED BY HOST AND OF SUPPLEMENTAL RIGHTS AND FUNCTIONS. THEY ARGUE THAT THEIR WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT GENERAL PRINCIPLE OF AGREEING ON ADDITIONAL ITEMS SHOULD SUFFICE AND THAT MENTION OF PARTICULAR ITEMS WOULD APPEAR TO PREJUDGE DECISION ON ITEMS ACTUALLY INTENDED TO BE OPTIONAL.

3. OTHER AREAS OF CONTINUING DIFFERENCE RELATE TO PROCEDURES FOR TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS AND FOR CHECKING EQUIPMENT OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL. ON PROCEDURE FOR PHOTOGRAPHY, SOVIET DEL INSISTS THAT HOST SHOULD SUPPLY CAMERAS AND TAKE ALL PHOTOGRAPHS. US DEL HAS PRESSED FOR DESIGNATED PERSONNEL DEVELOPING THEIR OWN PHOTOGRAPHS AFTER BEING

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TAKEN BY HOST USING DESIGNATED PERSONNEL'S EQUIPMENT. ON ISSUE OF CHECKING EQUIPMENT, SOVIETS PROPOSE THAT ONE OF TWO SETS OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL'S EQUIPMENT BE PROVIDED TO HOST IN ADVANCE. US DEL HAS INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO USE PNE TREATY PROCEDURES FOR CHECKING EQUIPMENT.

4. IN RESPONSE TO BEZUMOV'S REQUEST, HECKROTTE GAVE JUSTIFICATION FOR US PROPOSAL OF 30 DESIGNATED PERSONNEL AND A 30-DAY INSPECTION PERIOD. HE DESCRIBED US ASSUMPTION THAT INSPECTION AREA WOULD MOST LIKELY COVER A FEW TENS OF SQUARE KILOMETERS IN A RUGGED AREA. INSPECTION WOULD START USING TWO BASIC SURVEY GROUPS OF THREE PEOPLE EACH TO CONDUCT A VISUAL AND RADIATION SURVEY OF THE AREA. IN ADDITION, THERE WOULD BE PEOPLE FOR SAMPLING, SAMPLE PREPARATION, SAMPLE ANALYSIS, METAL DETECTION, SEISMIC SURVEY, PHOTOGRAPHY, AND EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE, MAKING A TOTAL OF 23 DIRECTLY RELATED TO OSI FIELD WORK. THE REMAINING SEVEN INCLUDED A TEAM CHIEF AND OTHERS TO ENSURE THE WORK WAS PROPERLY CONDUCTED, INTERPRETERS, AND A MEDICAL SPECIALIST. THE 30 DAYS ALLOWED 3 OR 4 DAYS TO GET ORGANIZED ON SITE, THREE WEEKS FOR THE INSPECTION, AND A FEW DAYS TO CHECK RESULTS AND PACK UP. BEZUMOV RESPONDED

BY SAYING US CONCEPT OF OSI SEEMED GENERALLY CONSISTENT
WITH THAT OF SOVIET DEL. SOVIET DEL WOULD HAVE TO STUDY
CAREFULLY WHAT HAD BEEN SAID. JOHNSON

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